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City of Waukesha's Department of Public Works Newsletter

Spring 2021



Director's Message

Hello, Waukesha!

Greetings from new city hall at 201 Delafield St. My staff and I in the Engineering division have moved out of the old Annex (130 Delafield St.) and are settling into our new space at city hall (201 Delafield St.)!

We are honored to work in this new building for the City of Waukesha. And we have already seen improved collaboration with other departments in the shared building.

This spring, the Department of Public Works leaps forward into many infrastructure projects in the city. Many projects are already underway and making great strides.

See this newsletter for anticipated project schedules, information on brush pickup, and more.

Dr. Fred Abadi, PhD, P.E.

The Basics of Road and Utility Reconstruction

Road and utility reconstruction is a vital and ongoing process for the city. As traffic, weather and time impose wear and tear on the roadways and underground utilities, the city works to keep pace with repairs and upgrades in an ever revolving cycle.

The decision about which roads to repair at what time is a matter of evaluating the status of the road itself as well as the utilities underneath. Most times, the condition of the road is the most significant factor, but the cost of utility work and traffic impact are also taken into consideration.

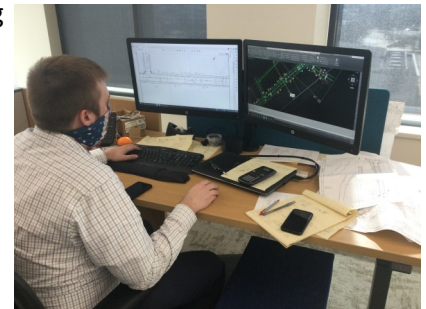
The three primary utilities underneath the roads are the 1) water main, 2) sanitary sewer, and 3) storm sewer. These three can be found beneath virtually every street. In some parts of the city, there are additional utilities including electric, fiber optic, and phone lines. Whenever a reconstruction project begins, all utility companies are notified for the opportunity to work on their facilities while the street is opened.

Once the project is underway, typically the sanitary sewer is repaired (or replaced) first, followed by the water main, and then the storm sewer. Once those steps are complete, the crews can begin reconstructing the road itself.

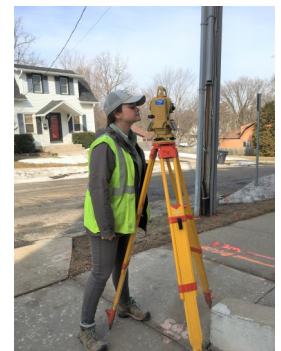
The roadways may either be a concrete or asphalt surface, depending on factors such as traffic use. Immediately underneath the driving surface is a layer of gravel and a compacted soil subgrade. Occasionally, the size or grade of the road is adjusted during the project to improve current conditions.

In some projects, additional infrastructure is addressed such as upgrading traffic signals, street lights, street signs, sidewalks, terrace repairs, tree management, manhole replacements, and adding bike lane facilities.

Every project is managed by a team of city engineers and technicians to plan and execute efficient and effective road and utilities projects.



A project engineer with the city

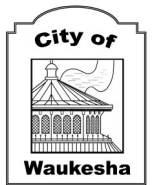


Surveying Lawndale Ave.

2021 Brush and Branch Pickup Information on Page 7!



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2021 Public Works Projects

ROAD AND UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project	Expected Start	Expected Completion
N & S Prairie Ave./Sentry Dr./W Sunset Dr.	Mid March	End of October
Lawndale Ave./Fairmont St./Caldwell St.	Mid March	End of July
Perkins Ave.	End of March	End of July
Alley #42 (Grand Ave./Frame Ave.)	Late April	Early June



Lawndale Ave. in March 2021

RESURFACING PROJECTS

Project	Expected Start Date	Expected Completion Date
Harris Highland Ave./Kensington Dr.	Late May	End of August
Crestwood Dr./Minot Ln./Algoma Ter.	Late May	End of August
Rambling Rose Rd./Misty Ln./Sunnyside Dr.	Late May	End of August



N Prairie Ave. in March 2021

SANITARY AND STORM SEWER PROJECTS

Project	Expected Start Date	Expected Completion Date
Area 1 & 2 Flood Mitigation (Rolling Ridge ditch grading)	End of June	Mid September
West Side Pump Station Consolidation	Ongoing from 2020	July
Pebble Valley Pump Station Construction	June	Late December
Clean Water Plant Return Flow Pump Station (Part of the Lake Michigan water project)	Ongoing from 2020	Summer 2022



Madison St. Pump Station in March 2021

FACILITY AND BUILDING PROJECTS

Project	Expected Start Date	Expected Completion Date
Buchner Pool and Community Building	Ongoing from 2020	Mid June
Police Station Remodeling and Expansion	July	June (2022)
Library Remodeling	June	February (2022)
Fire Station #4 Remodeling	April	September
Drop-Off Center Wall Reconstruction	August	September

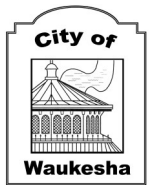


Buchner Pool in March 2021





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DPW Crews at Work this Spring



Repairing a street light on S Grand Ave.



Sweeping the street on Moccasin Trl.



Emptying a public trash can on S Grand Ave.



Sign installation on Fox River Pkwy.



Setting concrete curb on Hoover Ave.

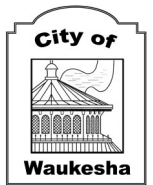


Digging to lay piping on Sentinel Dr.





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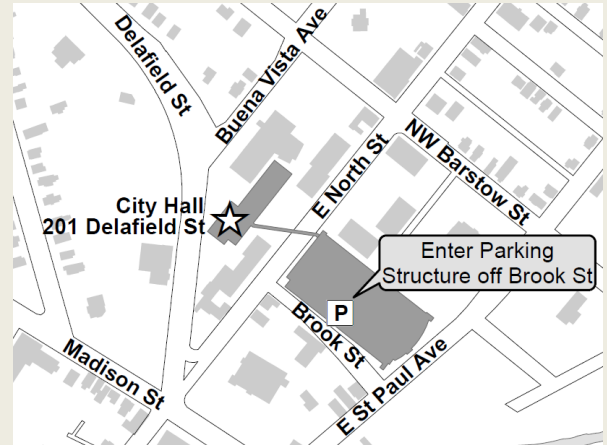
City Hall is Open!

Park at the Transit Center Parking Ramp

New city hall (201 Delafield St.) is open to the public for city business!

For the next several months, all visitors to the new city hall **MUST** use the Transit Center Parking Ramp and cross the new skywalk to enter the building. There is no fee and no permit will be required for short-term parking in the ramp.

Entrance to the parking ramp is off of Brook St., which can be accessed from E North St. or E St Paul Ave. Enter the ramp and drive up to the second floor. Visitor parking stalls are marked for short-term parking near the door entrance to the skywalk. Take the skywalk over and you will enter city hall on the first floor of the building.



This will be the only option for parking and entering to the building until July of this year. Thereafter, there will be a surface parking lot at City Hall for visitors; however, they will still be able to use the parking ramp, if desired.

For more information on the parking ramps, surface lots and general municipal parking visit:

www.waukesha-wi.gov/439/Municipal-Parking

Metro Transit Keeps Calm and Carries On

Throughout 2020, we experienced life adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the challenging circumstances, Waukesha Metro Transit continued operations, albeit with many new health and safety policies in place.

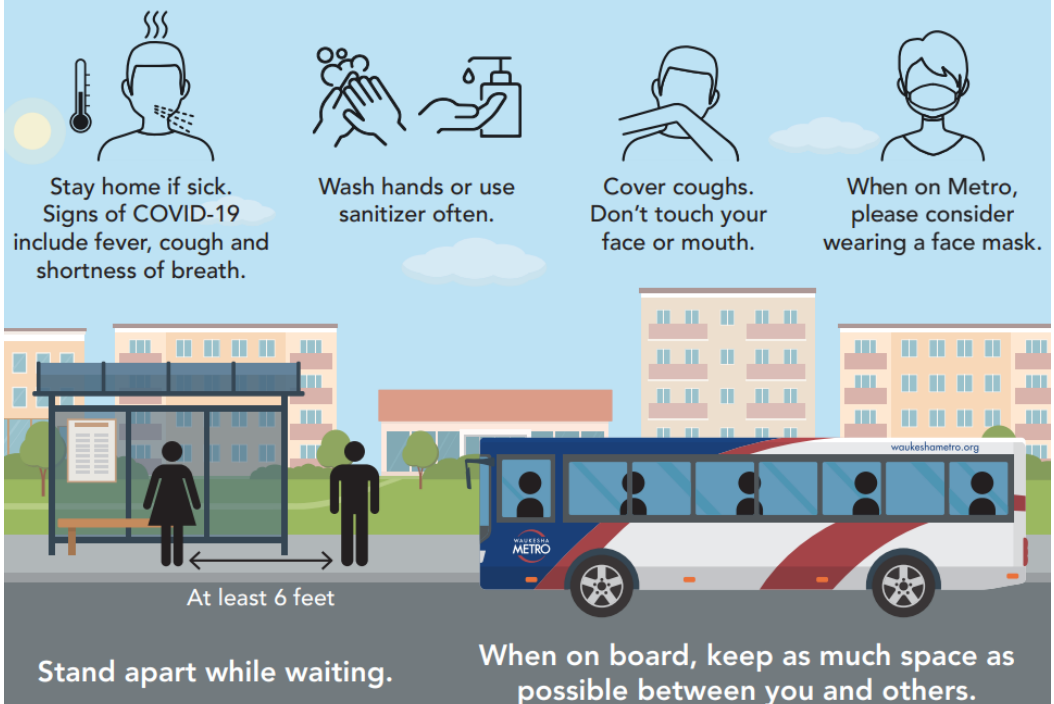
Metro Transit is appreciative of the community's patience and cooperation with the adjustments.

We carry on in 2021!

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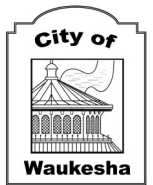
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Let's stay safe together





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RV Camper Waste

One of the many trends of the COVID-19 pandemic was an increase in recreational vehicle (RV) sales and use.

The Clean Water Plant (600 Sentry Dr.) allows RVs to discharge sanitary waste at no charge.

The plant has installed a dump station for this purpose.

The station is located just inside the entrance gate, near the 100 Building. The discharge hatch is next to the gated septic truck ramps and is marked with a sign “RV USE ONLY”.

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under the age of 12 and pets are required to stay in the vehicle when using the station.

For more information, visit:

www.waukesha-wi.gov/425/Clean-Water-Plant



Don't Flush Old Medicine

Flushing medicine down the toilet is an outdated practice, no longer recommended and now discouraged.

The pharmaceuticals directly contaminate water systems downstream (i.e. the Fox River).

The treatment plant cannot remove all of the components of pharmaceuticals through the treatment process.

Residents instead are encouraged to turn in their unused medications to a **local pharmacy where the materials are accepted** (call your pharmacy to ask).

The Waukesha Police Department also has a takeback program in the lobby of the station.

For more information on the program, visit:

www.waukesha-wi.gov/357/Drug-Disposal-Program



Fats, Oils, and Grease Should Not Go Down the Drain

Instead, bring to the Drop-Off Center!

On the list of the most troublesome materials to pour down the drain at home—or any drain, anywhere—are cooking fats, oils, and grease.

These substances should not be put down the drain, the garbage disposal, or the toilet. Putting these substances into the sewer system can cause backups at your house or can affect the sewer system all the way to the treatment plant.

Instead, bring your cooking fats, oils, and grease to the Drop-Off Center (750 Sentry Dr.) for no charge. The city contracts bio-recycling of the material. This is a recommended disposal option compared to pouring down the drain or in the home trash.

For information on the Drop-Off Center hours, visit: www.waukesha-wi.gov/789/Drop-Off-Center

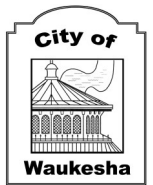


Cooking oil dumpster at the Drop-Off Center





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Garbage and Recycle Waste Hauler Transition

In late 2020, Advanced Disposal was bought by Waste Management nationwide. Locally, Waste Management inherited the municipal contract for waste and recyclable hauling in the City of Waukesha.



The terms of the municipal contract remained the same in the transition to Waste Management. And, Waste Management is utilizing the Advanced Disposal fleet of trucks. Gradually, you may start to see the company name on those trucks change to Waste Management, but that will not happen overnight.

Residents may also start to see more green garbage and recycle carts in the city. Waste Management traditionally uses green bins with its name/logo on them and may begin to gradually replace the dark gray bins used by Advanced Disposal. (Waste Management is not intending to replace all of the Advanced Disposal carts at this time).

For municipally contracted properties now serviced by Waste Management, there is a new customer service phone number. Residents should now call **262-369-3080 (option 2 for "Residential Service")** to place requests for bulky items and appliance pickups, to report broken carts, or to pay for a replacement cart (if missing).

Residents may also visit www.waukesha-wi.gov/784/Recycling-and-Solid-Waste or call the city at **262-524-3600** with questions regarding the garbage and recycle service.

Drop-Off Center Tips

- Use reusable plastic tubs instead of bags for yard waste (the bags are just more landfill trash).
- We do not accept grass clippings, dirt, rocks, or sod. We recommend leaving those materials in your yard.
- Root ball systems must be severed from trunks of bushes and trees. Root balls are considered trash for the landfill trash dumpsters.
- Keep in mind that yard material piles must be organic. The materials are run through a grinder. Any rocks, metal objects, ropes, bungee cords, weed barrier fabric or anything similar in the piles can break the machine.



TVs/Electronics/Appliances Recycling

Sometimes saying goodbye isn't hard at all. There is often little love lost when residents properly depart with their old televisions and electronics at a recycling event.



In 2021, the city is hosting 3 recycling events for Televisions/Electronics/Appliances.

The first event was April 3rd. The next two events are scheduled **on July 3rd and October 2nd, from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Drop-Off Center. Vehicles coming for the event should enter at 600 Sentry Dr.—the entrance to the Clean Water Plant.

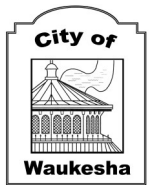
The city has contracted Legacy Recycling to take and recycle the materials. There is a **\$25 cost per TV and a \$10 cost per CRT computer monitor**. All other items are accepted at no charge.

Electronics such as TVs must be properly recycled per state law.





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2021 Brush/Branch Pickup

The Department of Public Works will begin its **2021 brush and branch pickup service the week of April 26th.**

- 1) The pickup is scheduled for your normal garbage service day, Monday through Friday.
- 2) Residents must have their brush/branches out by **6:30 a.m.** on the day of pickup.
- 3) Brush/branches **must be on the terrace (the grass area between the sidewalk and curb).** Do not place material in the street and do not block the sidewalk.
- 4) Brush/branches should be set with the **butt ends at the curb** (unless the length of the branches blocks the sidewalk—then they need to be set the long way along the curb.)
- 5) Brush/branches can be up to **3 inches in diameter and 6 feet long.**
- 6) Very small twigs and other yard waste, including leaves, will **not be collected.**
- 7) **ONLY** brush/branches should be set out. No trash, rocks, dirt, ropes, bungee cords, or any other object besides brush or branches.
- 8) Branches/brush should **not be tied, bagged, or bundled together.** Keep in loose piles set on the ground.



Place branches on terrace and make sure they are accessible (not “parked in”).

DROP-OFF CENTER:

Residents may also bring their brush/branches to the Drop-Off Center (750 Sentry Dr.) for no charge during open public hours that week (normally \$3—\$4 per load for yard material). The Drop-Off Center is open Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on the Drop-Off Center, visit <https://waukesha-wi.gov/789/Drop-Off-Center>

Have You Started Home Composting Yet?

Home composting is a brilliant way to recycle organic materials (yard waste and food scraps) to create a natural soil additive for use in your home garden or yard.

In a home composting bin or pile, start by using **fallen leaves** as a base of carbon material (“browns”). If you do not have remaining fallen leaves, you can use hay/straw or even shredded paper as a carbon base.

Then, add “green” materials with strong nitrogen content such as **grass clippings, weeds, garden trimmings, or food scraps (no meat, dairy).** These ‘green’ materials will make the pile cook.

Mix these materials together. The ratio should be at least 3 to 1 “browns” to “greens”.

Soak the whole mixed pile in **water** to begin the natural decomposing process—don’t let the pile get dry for too long. Dry piles are probably the number one reason why they sometimes “don’t work”. Also, turn the pile over (every few days) to give it oxygen. This will eventually lead to the end product of homemade compost soil!



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